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1. I CALLED ON FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD AUGUST 28. HE RETURNED
AUG 27 FROM TWO-DAY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND LEAVES AUG 29
FOR BEIRUT.

2. SABAH SAID VISIT OF CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MIN JABER AL-AHMAD TO
SAUDI ARABIA NOW SCHEDULED FOR SHORTLY AFTER OCTOBER 24 ARAB
SUMMIT MEETING.

3. SABAH SAID HE HAD TALKED PRIMARILY WITH SAUDI MINDEF AND
AVAITION PRINCE SULTAN IN TAIF AND ON HIS INITIATIVE HAD
RAISED SUBJECT OF PDRY/OMAN (REFTEL). HE WAS PLEASED TO HAVE
SULTAN SAY SAUDIS WERE READY CONSIDER NEW OPTIONS IN DEALING WITH
PDRY. SULTAN TOLD HIM SAUDIS WANTED ANTI-SAUDI BROADCASTS

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FROM ADEN TO CEASE FORTHWITH AND PDRY EXILES SUCH AS ABD-AL-QAWI

MAKKAWI AND MUHAMMAD ALI HAYTHAM ALLOWED TO RETURN TO SOUTH YEMEN.
HOWEVER SULTAN DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ASK SABAH TO APPROACH
PDRY ON THESE POINTS.

4. SABAH ASKED IF I HAD HEARD THAT PRINCE FAHD HAD WANTED TO
SEE SALIM RUBAYYA ALI IN LONDON BUT THAT THE BRITISH HAD
PREVENTED THE MEETING. I REPLIED OUR REPORT INDICATED NOT THAT
BRITISH PREVENTED MEETING BUT ONLY THAT THEY HAD DECLINED SAUDI
SUGGESTION THAT THEY TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO ARRANGE SUCH A
MEETING. (COMMENT: I GAINED IMPRESSION THAT FONMIN THOUGHT
SAUDIS WERE BECOMING FLEXIBLE ENOUGH ON PDRY TO MAKE IT WORTH
WHILE FOR SHAIKH JABIR AL-AHMAD TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH
PRINCE FAHD DURING HIS OCTOBER VISIT).

5. I ASKED WHETHER AUGUST 27 VISIT OF ASHRAF MARWAN TO KUWAIT HAD
BEEN CONNECTED WITH ARAB LEAGUE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE FOR DHOFAR
AND WHETHER KUWAITIS WOULD BE WILLING PARTICIPATE IN PAN-ARAB
FORCE FOR OMAN. SABAH REPLIED HE HAD NOT HAD TIME GET BRIEFED ON
MARWAN VISIT, BUT KUWAIT WOULD DO WHATEVER ARAB LEAGUE ASKED IT TO
DO, TO BEST OF ITS ABILITY, INCLUDING MILITARY INPUT. "ARAB
LEAGUE HELPED US OUT WHEN WE HAD TROUBLE WITH IRAQIS SOME YEARS
AGO, AND WE PREPARED TO THE SAME FOR OTHERS NOW", FONMIN DECLARED.

6. SABAH SAID THAT CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, HE DID NOT RAISE
WITH SAUDIS QUESTION OF OFF-SHORE OIL BOUNDARIES -- NOR, HE
ADDED FIRMLY, WAS HE ABOUT TO DO SO. FONMIN POINTED TO LOSS
OF ZARARA FIELD BY UAE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAUDIS OVER
BURAIMI, THUS STRONGLY IMPLYING KUWAITIS ALSO STOOD ONLY TO LOSE
IN ANY SIMILAR BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAUDIS. (KUWAITI
FONMIN HASTILY ADDED HOWEVER THAT SAUDI-UAE AGREEMENT WAS IN
ITSELF A VERY HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WHOLE GULF AREA).
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